

LOUISIANA AGRICULTURAL FINANCE AUTHORITY (LAFA)
MINUTES
March 14, 2018
Veterans' Memorial Auditorium
5825 Florida Boulevard
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) Commissioner Mike Strain at 10:02 AM.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called by Melanie Tullier.

Present: Commissioner Mike Strain, Richard Muller, H. Marcell Parker, Jr., Ronald Petree, Katie R. Sistrunk, Kent Brown, Calvin Viator, and Bill Waguespack

Absent: Jeanine L. Herrington

Mrs. Tullier stated there was a quorum with eight members present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Commissioner Strain asked the board members to review the minutes from the December 6, 2017 meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Viator to approve the minutes from the December 6, 2017 meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Waguespack, and passed unanimously.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mrs. Catrina Irvin presented LAFA's Financial Statements to the board and answered the members' questions.

A motion was made by Mr. Petree to accept the Financial Statements. It was seconded by Mr. Parker, and passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

- Mr. Simon updated the board on the Lacassine Industrial Park (LIP). Rail Logix continues to make improvements to the property.

OLD BUSINESS

a. 2016 Louisiana Farm Recovery Grant Program

Lafa received 1065 applications for the 2016 Louisiana Farm Recovery Grant Program. It is expected that 971 of the applicants will receive the grant.

b. Lease of former computer server room at Ldaf headquarters to Louisiana State Police Commission

The Louisiana State Police Commission will be leasing space that is currently located in the IT suite.

c. Lease of former Ldaf Seedling Nursery (approximately 85 acres) at the Monroe office complex

Lafa continues to move forward on this project.

d. Resolution to allow DOTD to resurface Woodworth airport runway

Lafa has entered into a CEA with DOTD. The project is estimated to cost \$500,000 and is ongoing.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Ldaf/Lafa's Louisiana Certified Programs – Resolution to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for an advertising agency

A motion was made by Mr. Viator to issue a RFP to hire an advertising agency assist with the marketing campaign to promote the Certified Louisiana program. The motion was seconded by Mr. Waguespack, and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Strain updated the board on the legislative regular session.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Parker to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Waguespack, and passed unanimously at 10:48 AM.